

110TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 3271

To amend the definition of commercial motor vehicle in section 31101 of title 49, United States Code, to exclude certain farm vehicles, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 16, 2008

Mr. INHOFE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. DEFINITION OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHI-**  
4       **CLE.**

5       Section 31101(1)(A) of title 49, United States Code,  
6       is amended to read as follows:

7               “(A)(i) except for vehicles described in  
8               clause (ii), has a gross vehicle weight rating or

1 gross vehicle weight of at least 10,001 pounds;

2 or

3 “(ii) is primarily engaged in the transpor-  
 4 tation of agricultural commodities or farm sup-  
 5 plies and has a gross vehicle weight rating or  
 6 gross vehicle weight of at least the minimum  
 7 weight of a commercial motor vehicle (as de-  
 8 fined by the State in which it is being oper-  
 9 ated);”.

10 **SEC. 2. PRESERVATION OF GRANTS FOR STATES THAT IN-**  
 11 **CREASE THE MINIMUM WEIGHT FOR COM-**  
 12 **MERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES.**

13 Section 31102 of title 49, United States Code, is  
 14 amended by adding at the end the following:

15 “(f) PRESERVATION OF GRANTS FOR STATES THAT  
 16 INCREASE THE MINIMUM WEIGHT FOR COMMERCIAL  
 17 MOTOR VEHICLES.—The Secretary may not withhold  
 18 grant funding from a State under this section solely be-  
 19 cause the State authorizes drivers of vehicles engaged in  
 20 the transportation of agricultural commodities or farm  
 21 supplies that have a gross vehicle weight of more than  
 22 10,000 pounds and less than 26,001 pounds, to operate  
 23 without complying with Federal regulations relating to  
 24 commercial motor vehicles.”.

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